

3^b 35. ✓ The method according to claim 26, further comprising blocking the non antigen-antibody reactions.

3¹ 36. ✓ The method according to claim 27, further comprising blocking the non antigen-antibody reactions.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing prior to examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct some inadvertent errors. Support for the amendment to page 3 may be found at the very least on page 4, lines 15-16 of the French priority application. *See*, page 3, lines 1-2 of the English translation. Moreover, this is an inherent feature of the claimed invention. Support for the amendment to page 21 may be found at the very least in the preceding description at page 20, line 36 - page 21, line 4. Support may also be found in French priority application at page 33, lines 24-25. *See*, page 20, lines 5-6 of the English translation. Support for the amendment to page 22 may be found at the very least in the remainder of the sentence, i.e., page 22, lines 17-19. No new matter has thus been added by these amendments.

Original claims 1-15 have been deleted in favor of new claims 16-36.

Support for these claims may be found in original claims 1-15. The new claims are in more proper U.S. format and have eliminated multiple dependencies.

Early and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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